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SUBJECT: DECISION TAKEN ON ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL
SPACE PROGRAMS

1. ITALIAN OFFICIAL CLOSELY CONNECTED TO SPACE PROGRAM GAVE SCIATT
RUNDOWN ON SEPTEMBER 7 MEETING ON CIPE (INTERMINISTERIAL
COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC PLANNING) HEADED BY MINISTER OF BUDGET
GIOLETTI WHICH CONSIDERED ITALIAN SPACE PROGRAM. DECISIONS
WERE TAKEN ONLY ON INTERNATIONAL SPACE PROGRAMS.

2. ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO SPACELAB WILL AMOUNT TO 18 PER CENT OF
TOTAL, JUST 2 PER CENT UNDER PREVIOUS ESTIMATE OF ITALIAN
COMMITMENT. ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION TO L3S WILL BE ABOUT 2 PER CENT 5
BILLION LIRE AND TO MAROTS WILL BE IN RANGE OF 2 PER CENT -
3 PERCENT. SOURCE REPORTED THAT THERE WAS STRONG CRITICISM
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WITHIN CIPE THAT SMALLNESS OF ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN L3S

AND MAROTS WOULD NOT BENEFIT ITALY.

3. NATIONAL SPACE PROGRAMS - PROJECT SIRIO, SAN MARCO AND
TERRA PROJECT - WILL BE DISCUSSED AT ANOTHER CIPE MEETING LATER
THIS MONTH.

4. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESS RELEASE ON DECISIONS TAKEN
IN REGARD TO SPACELAB, L3S AND MAROTS EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED
THIS WEEK BY MINISTRY OF SCIENCE. VOLPE

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